

**TOWN OF NEW GLARUS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 13, 2014
AGENDA**

ATTENDING: Andy Elkins, Dana Emmerton, Chris Reis, Harry Pulliam and Susan McCallum, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Chris Narveson, Pete Raskovic

ALSO ATTENDING:

CALL TO ORDER: A. Elkins called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Proof of Posting: Deputy Clerk attested to proper posting.
2. Discuss and consider February 13, 2014 minutes:
A. Elkins moved to approve the February 13 minutes, 2nd D. Emmerton. Motion carried.
3. Public Comments, possible new member attendance: None.
4. Updates: handouts, alternate storage area; TPE contact and local chapter meeting attendance:
McCallum presented three articles; information on bees and federal funding for farmers, local paper from village on library, and program at nature center regarding marking flora. McCallum will research university student group that placed markers.
McCallum informed the commission that the Town Patrolman has a suggestion for alternate storage of commission items. He has spoken with the owner of an 8'x12' wooden storage shed currently located at rear side of town garage, he wants \$400. All agreed the price is reasonable and if it is in good shape they would consider this purchase. McCallum will take pictures of the unit, including the inside and Elkins will view the unit prior to the next meeting. This will be put back on the next agenda.
Pulliam gave a report regarding his liaison attendance at local chapter of TPE, attending their April 1 meeting. He spoke with Mike Davis, TPE member, and they will probably do our requested burn of BBRC in early April. Pulliam spoke with Bryan MacDonald and due to increased family responsibilities they will not be joining the commission at least through the summer. He will do the tree cutting in BBRC, Pulliam will contact him and arrange a viewing of the project this coming week. This process ideally should be done before the sap starts to run and while the ground is frozen to remove the lumber. After they are cut he will contact the wood turners group for removal.
5. Discuss and consider; Tree Workshop date/time, educational components. Mailing piece/schedule, Approve payment for bat speaker- \$100, rental at Wilhelm Tell Shooting Barn- \$150, printing costs, New Glarus High School- \$100, labels Green County treasurer- \$14.64: A. Elkins moved to approve \$100 for bat speaker, \$150 for rental of Barn, \$100 for printing of flier and \$14.64 for labels, 2nd by C. Reis. Motion carried.
After discussing possible topics for Bat presentation it was decided; the speaker will have a total of one hour including questions, topics to include: Bats of WI, diseases, benefits, summer monitoring and installation of bat houses. McCallum will contact speaker to identify these topics and add them to the flier.

The draft flier was reviewed and additions include: add ending time of 9 pm, on flap of flier add brief information on Pool Scholarship Program, McCallum will ask Clerk to finalize her portion on Monday. Flier will be submitted to school for printing on Monday to be due by March 31. Fliers will be picked up by D. Emmerton on or about April 8 and folded prior to April 10 meeting where they will be completed for mailing.

McCallum will do press release to local paper and use the flier as posters around town.

6. Discuss and consider: payment of Roy's Market invoice- \$6.67; annual membership fee- Friends of New Glarus Woods State Park- \$50.00 business level; voiding check #16295 9/13/11. H. Pulliam moved to approve the Roy's Market invoice, 2nd by A. Elkins. Motion carried. A. Elkins moved to void check #16295, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried. A. Elkins moved to approve the \$50 Business level membership with Friends of NGW, 2nd by C. Reis. Motion carried. McCallum brought this forward because the two groups have mutual activities such as cross country ski trails and connecting town trail to park trail.
7. Discuss and consider: Vice Chair of commission, commission information update.
McCallum presented the commission information member information sheet and asked members to update any of their information, that there is a vacancy in the Vice Chair position and suggested Pete Raskovic (term 7/2014) be moved to alternate. D. Emmerton moved to appoint Andy Elkins as Vice Chair, 2nd by H. Pulliam. Motion carried. A. Elkins moved to appoint Pete Raskovic as alternate, 2nd by H. Pulliam. Motion carried.
8. Discuss Trail Easements process: follow-up to letters and DNR representative discussion.
No update waiting for C. Narveson to make personal contact.
9. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda Set agenda for Joint meeting. Pool scholarships, hockey rink.: April 10, 7pm or following joint meeting. Agenda items to include: Pool Scholarships program (McCallum will forward past scholarship information prior to meeting), installation of bird blinds, storage shed, monthly meeting schedule and assembling flier for mailing.
Joint meeting, April 10 at 6:30pm, agenda items; report on workshop and extend invitation to all elected and appointed village officials, discuss brain storming session for future joint projects.
10. Adjourn: A. Elkins moved to adjourn at 8:32 pm, 2nd by D. Emmerton. Motion carried.